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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5581

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 5535

1. SOUVANNA PASSED A QUIET DAY AS HIS CONDITION REMAINED
RELATIVELY STABLE. HE WAS ALERT AND AT TIMES, ACCORDING
TO THE FAMILY, OVER-TALKATIVE. HE INTERRUPTED AN EVENING
EXAMINATION BY ONE OF THE FRENCH DOCTORS TO INVITE HIM TO
VISIT LUANG PRABANG. MANGKHALA TOLD KLIKS EARLIER THAT WHEN
SOUVANNA'S CONDITION PERMITTED, THE ENTIRE MEDICAL TEAM WOULD
BE INVITED TO MEET THE KING. PRINCESS MOUNE, ON THE MORNING OF
OF THE 16TH, TOLD DR. KLIKS THAT THE CHINESE, WHOSE ARRIVAL
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HAD BEEN EXPECTED TODAY, WOULD NOT BE SENDING ANYBODY. THE

DOCTORS HAVE WORKED OUT A MODUS VIVENDI ON HOW THE CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED; FORMAL MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD AT 1200 AND 2000 TO REVIEW THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTS AND TO DISCUSS FURTHER TREATMENT. NO CHANGE WAS MADE IN THE EARLIER AGREED UPON EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENTS.

2. DR. KLIKS' MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS: SOUVANNA SPENT AN UNEVENTFUL DAY WITH A GOOD RESPONSE TO AN ADDITIONAL DOSE OF LASIX (40 MG IV). THIS RESULTED IN A GOOD URINE OUTPUT AND CLEARING OF THE PULMONARY RALES (WHICH HAD BEEN EVIDENT EARLY IN THE MORNING) BY EARLY EVENING. A PRE-SYSTOLIC GALLOP WAS PRESENT ON BOTH EXAMINATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME. ANOTHER (THE SECOND) BEDSIDE PORTABLE X-RAY, WHICH WAS OF EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD QUALITY, SHOWED NORMAL PULMONARY VASCULARITY WITH SOME INCREASED DENSITY AT THE LEFT BASE IN AN AREA CONSISTENT WITH THE PERSISTENT RALES. THIS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SLIGHT FEVER, IS LIKELY DUE TO PNEUMONITIS, ALTHOUGH PULMONARY INFARCTION IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY. SOUVANNA IS ALREADY RECEIVING AN EXPECTORANT AND TETRACYCLINE. TWO ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS TODAY ARE ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. THE LABORATORY DATA DISCLOSES A FURTHER GRATIFYING DECREASE IN THE SGOT TO 32. THE WBC IS 7800 WITH A HIMATOCRIT OF 42 PERCENT AND A POTASSIUM OF 4.2. THE BLOOD SUGAR IS AGAIN 200 WITH A NEGATIVE URINE FOR SUGAR AND ACETONE. A LEE WHITE CLOTTING ON THE MORNING OF JULY 16 WAS 13 MINUTES. THEREFORE, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCREASE THE HEPARIN AGAIN TO A TOTAL DAILY DOSAGE OF 28,000 UNITS. THE OTHER MEDICINES ARE CONTINUED AS BEFORE WITH THE ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY 60 MEQ OF POTASSIUM BY MOUTH DAILY. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE FRENCH TEAM SUGGESTED ADDING ONE TABLET OF A DIMETHYLBIGUANIDE (GLUCOFAGE) WHICH IS A MILD ORAL HYPOGLYCEMIC AGENT WHICH ALSO SUPPRESSES THE APPETITE. THE DIETARY REGIME THAT HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED IS 1200 CALORIES PER DAY, LOW SODIUM (LESS THAN 3 GRAMS NA) AND A TOTAL ORAL VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED 1 LITER PER DAY; THE IV FLUIDS ARE 1000 CC'S OF 5 PERCENT DEXTROSE AND WATER DAILY.

3. MANGKHALA RAISED THE QUESTION OF HOW LONG DR. KLIKS WOULD REMAIN ON THE CASE, SAYING THAT THE LAO EXPECTED HIM TO REMAIN SEVERAL MORE DAYS, AT THE VERY LEAST. DR. KLIKS IS PREPARED TO REMAIN AS LONG AS NEEDED, BUT IF IT APPEARS THAT HE WILL BE

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ASKED TO REMAIN BEYOND JULY 22, WE BELIEVE A FORMAL REQUEST WOULD BE DESIRABLE. WE WILL INFORM DEPT IF THIS HAPPENS.

4. 13 AF PLEASE PASS MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS TO 13 AF SURGEON.
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